IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORN	IΑ

WILLIAM J. WHITSITT,

Plaintiff,

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WEST VALLEY STAFFING GROUP, et al..

Defendants.

Case No. <u>16-cv-00797-MMC</u>

## **RELATED CASE ORDER**

A Sua Sponte Judicial Referral for Purpose of Determining Relationship of Cases has been filed, requesting the undersigned determine whether the following cases are related within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12(a):

- C 16-0797 MMC William J. Whitsitt v. West Valley Staffing Group, et al.
- C 16-7234 JSC William J. Whitsitt v. West Valley Staffing Group, et al.

The time for filing a statement to support or oppose the Referral has passed. On the basis of the material submitted to the Court, as the Judge assigned to the earliest filed case, I find that the cases:

- [ ] ARE NOT RELATED as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a).
- [X] ARE RELATED as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a). Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12(f)(3), the Clerk of Court is ordered to reassign the later-filed action to the undersigned. The parties are instructed that all future filings in the later-filed action are to bear the initials MMC immediately after the case number. All matters presently scheduled for hearing in the reassigned case are vacated and must be renoticed for

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hearing before the undersigned. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: January 18, 2017 MAXINE M. CHESNEY United States District Judge United States District Court Northern District of California